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SUBJECT Oswald, the CIA, and the Mafia

MARGARET SOMERS: Some names perennially crop up in the news, and Lee Harvey Oswald is one of those.

Steve North spoke with Oswald's mother.

STEVE NORTH: Ever since the day of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, November 22nd, 1963, Mrs. Oswald had insisted that her son was an innocent patsy, a victim of a conspiracy, as was the President. It was not until 1979 that the House Assassinations Committee agreed with her, in part, that there had been a conspiracy, although it considered Oswald to be guilty, along with others.

That committee report also indicated that Mrs. Oswald herself was somehow caught up in the intricate web of connections between Oswald, the CIA, and the Mafia. But she always denied that, as well.

Throughout the years, Mrs. Oswald's major arguments remained the same.

MRS. OSWALD: Really, the only thing that matters is proof, evidence that he killed President Kennedy. And there is no proof to this day, in any of the documents, any of the books that have been written; of Lee Harvey Oswald actually being found with a gun in his hand and killing President Kennedy. He was placed in the book depository. And they had a perfect patsy. They set him up.

NORTH: Do you ever think that maybe you won't see the day that Lee's name will be cleared?